

Reflection on Integrating Technology into Speech Therapy- October 2010

This activity was extremely interesting. I used Web 2.0 technologies discussed by Soloman & Schrum (2007) and technologies I learned about in various courses when developing this training. Since the training was only one hour, I was not able to introduce as many technologies as I wanted to. In retrospect, this was turned out to be a good thing. Sometimes, too much information can scare people away; especially when those people are not familiar with new technology.

During the training, I was able to discuss incorporating Audacity (2011) into articulation therapy as a method for students to not only hear themselves producing various sounds but to evaluate their performance as well. I also introduced the concept of using photo stories and digital movie makers to help teacher concepts such as following instruction, sequencing and storytelling. I introduced the software before showing it to the participants. After the brief discussion, I opened up the software and demonstrated how easy and effective it can be to use in therapy. The speech pathologists appeared to really enjoy this training. Since many of them are already making photo stories on paper, they seemed excited and eager to do so digitally with their students.

This training was fun for everyone involved. I am glad that only a few technologies were discussed and demonstrated during the training. It gave everyone enough time to really focus on what was being discussed and left them thirsting for more. I look forward to providing another training for speech pathologist on other Web 2.0 technologies that can be incorporated and integrated into everyday speech therapy.

This activity helped me to meet the standards relating to applying and implementing curriculum plans that include methods and strategies for utilizing technology to maximize student learning; and applying technology to facilitate a variety of effective assessment and evaluation strategies (Williamson & Redish, 2009).

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